

SPHERICAL FORMS

The sphere is more than a circle. It takes up three-dimensional space. This is somewhat intellectually demanding because it does not represent the same as a flat page, but it offers the way also drawing details in that 3D.



SPHERE WITHOUT LINES

On a sphere drawing, a small circle is drawn to show the sphere's form. The small circle is drawn along a small line, with a small circle to show the sphere's form. The small circle is drawn along a small line, with a small circle to show the sphere's form.



ADD THE TANGENT LINE (A)

When drawing a sphere, it is important to draw a small circle to show the sphere's form. The small circle is drawn along a small line, with a small circle to show the sphere's form.

READ THE LINE CAREFULLY

It is important to read the line carefully, as it is the line that shows the sphere's form.



SQUASHED, STRETCHED & TWISTED SPHERES

The exercise is giving the old familiar sphere a new shape. Practice drawing the simplest forms of a new twisted, stretched form. Then the rough forms are put together to make up with additional simple structures. These forms are now becoming simple shapes that have a perspective that shows them. If you have trouble drawing the forms and lines, you can use a little bit of clay and study from looking, modeling, and feeling it affects the shape and texture.



step 1



step 2



step 3



step 4



step 5

SPHERICAL FIGURES

Once you understand how to use spheres and other rounded shapes, it is much easier to jump on using spheres to round simple anatomical forms. The figure on this page is a loose sketch of a reclining figure, with the head, torso, and limbs all constructed from spheres and other rounded shapes. The figure is shown in a reclining position, with the head tilted back and the limbs extended. The figure is drawn in a simple, sketchy style, with the outlines of the body parts clearly defined by the spheres and rounded shapes.



SPHERES CAN BE USED FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

In this illustration, the head, torso, and limbs are all constructed from spheres and other rounded shapes. The figure is shown in a reclining position, with the head tilted back and the limbs extended. The drawing is composed of simple, rounded forms, illustrating the concept of 'spherical figures'.

PRACTICE: SPHERICAL FIGURES

Sketch. Four spheres were used to construct these figures. Red tracing paper with blue lines was placed over each with markers (pens) tracing the contours around each figure.

FIGURE 30: TAPPA SPHERE

